

E-Government Quarterly Report
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Cronin Club Innovation Silver Award Received for E-Gov RFP Process

The National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) annually presents the "Cronin Award," considered the Academy Award of state procurement organizations. This year's recipient is the Office of Administration Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. The nomination, "Strategic Proposal Specification Development Methodology," profiled the process utilized for the development of the e-government infrastructure RFP. Selected by NASPO on the criteria of cost reduction, innovation, service improvement, transferability, and/or involvement of customers, Missouri was recognized for its innovative approach of encouraging vendor involvement in the RFP development process through the use of workshops and website interaction. In dollars, the project resulted in a cost avoidance of approximately \$432,000.

E-Government Update

Progress on the implementation of an e-government technical infrastructure remains challenging due to a limited budget. OIT is now looking at possible funding alternatives to sustain some level of momentum until a more favorable budget environment emerges. Current e-government plans include creating standards for the portal, creating a statewide e-government data dictionary, exploring options for a new portal search engine, and doing additional work on the e-government communication plan. Where possible, agency personnel will be utilized to accomplish these tasks and consideration is being given to using college and university interns and minimal contractor support.

E-Government Business to-Business RFP Development

A business-to-business (B2B) RFP development committee was formed and held their first meeting on August 29, 2002. Committee members include Gerry Wethington (OIT), Karen Boeger (OA Purchasing), Laurie Borchelt (OA Purchasing), Jim Carder (OA Accounting), Jan Grecian (OIT), Nichole Hackmann (STO), Jan Heckemeyer (OA SAM II), Barb Kiso (OA DIS), Jim Miluski (OA Purchasing), John Murray (OA D&C), Scott Peters (STO), and Ron Thomas (OA DIS).

To-date, two meetings have been held to begin discussions on requirements, processes and timelines. In a decision made after the September committee meeting and based upon review of the current budget environment and the B2B system's dependency upon implementation of the e-government infrastructure, a direction was chosen to not pursue B2B vendor demonstrations and workshops in the near future. The committee will continue to meet to define B2B RFP technical and business requirements. Ideally, the B2B RFP will be developed and ready when a more favorable budget environment exists.

Department of Revenue Singled Out

We are aware that the Department of Revenue is being singled out as one of the top ten states in Part III of the Digital States Survey. Ranking announcements and an accompanying article will appear in Government Technology Magazine on November 1, 2002.

E-Government FY03 Year-to-Date Financial Information

FY02 Appropriated	Expended	Balance
\$2,043,615	\$994,452	\$1,049,162

In FY02 the Office of Information Technology was appropriated \$2,838,354 for development of an E-Government infrastructure. An initial withholding of 18% reduced the available appropriation to \$2,327,450. A subsequent withholding of another 10% reduced the available funds by \$283,835, leaving a balance of \$2,043,615.